

**In the Claims**

Claims 1-4 are cancelled.

5. (Currently amended) A combinatorial library ~~comprising~~ consisting of a plurality of D-peptides linked to a support so that the linked D-peptides are soluble, wherein the length of each D-peptide is from three to seven D-amino acid residues, and wherein at least 68% of the D-peptides ~~emprise~~ consist of at least three aromatic amino acid residues[,], and the remaining amino acids ~~are~~ selected from the group consisting of glycine and D-alanine, ~~and wherein the D-peptides are suitably constructed or modified to enhance solubility.~~

Claims 6-43 are cancelled.

44. (Previously presented) The combinatorial library of claim 5 wherein the solid support consists of a bead.

45. (Cancelled)

46. (Previously presented) The combinatorial library of claim 5, wherein the aromatic amino acid residues are selected from the group consisting of D-tryptophan, D-tyrosine, and D-phenylalanine.

Claims 47-49 are cancelled.

50. (Previously presented) The combinatorial library of claim 5 wherein the D-peptides are pentapeptides.

Claim 51 is cancelled.